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DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
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The sisters of a colored Baptist church at Tishomingo, N. O., held a public meeting the other day, and raised a subscription to release their pastor, who was (of course) in charge of baptistry.

We understand that the different railroads centering in East St. Louis have perfected arrangements with the St. Louis Bridge Company whereby trains will cross the new bridge, thus landing passengers in that city without the annoyance of omnibus transfer as heretofore. It is expected that this arrangement will take effect January 1st.

William the Hon. William M. Tweed, statesman, emerges from Blackwell's Island he will have his attention drawn to a new civil suit for \$650,000 recently brought against his estate. One Edward Marriner is joined defendant. It is alleged that Marriner, in furnishing supplies to the Street Department, made fraudulent charges to the amount of something over \$500,000, and Tweed, as Street Commissioner, certified the bills.

The doctrine of State rights comes up in a new shape. One Graham, who received \$1,700 for the sale of a seat, refused to appear before the investigating committee on the ground that, being a member of the legislature of the sovereign State of Virginia, attending to his duties, he is not bound to respond to the process of the Congress of the United States. The committee will ask for his arrest, and it may then be determined whether Virginia is in the Union or out of it.

The Democratic Senators in caucus, have determined to put the control of their party in the hands of caucuses to meet from time to time during the session each senator agreeing to sink his individual opinions and wishes in the will of the majority. While this will of course result in consolidating their party, it does not look to the accomplishment of any good for the country. The effort of the Democracy will be to prevent beneficial legislation, and thus cast the odium of inaction, upon the Republican majority. If the Republicans have party sense enough and patriotism enough, they may take a loss from the action of the Democracy, and by agreeing in caucus upon the measures thought to be necessary, put them at once upon their passage, and shut off useless and costly debate. Free speech and independent discussion may be good, but the country can dispense with gas and nonsense. We have had a surfeit of both, and the call now is for the previous question.

LIQUOR DEALERS' OPINION OF THE DRUNKARD.

The Wine Dealers' Gazette has the following very original and singular remarks in regard to the poor drunkard, and those temperance advocates who are trying to raise him from his degradation, which is calculated to open the eyes of those who drink to excess to their lamentable and pitiable condition, when he sees that the very men who grow rich on his hard earnings debase him as a devil incarnate.

Is a man himself when he is drunk? No. He is a devil incarnate. He is a fool to get drunk. The man who sells liquor doesn't want him to get drunk, but he don't want him to get drunk, his children don't want their father to drink. His neighbors don't want him to get drunk to raise Ned among them; his creditors certainly don't want him to get drunk. Who does? Why, it is an as can be, that the temperance lecturers alike desire it, so that he, the devil, and they, the temperance folks, can live and thrive on the wages of sin and misery of mankind. If people didn't get drunk the occupations of these redicals would be gone. Our advice is not to get drunk, and thus disappoint these foreign and domestic itinerant lecturers.

UNADORNED BEAUTY IN BERLIN — In Berlin several girls are employed in telegraph offices. I notice one of the published notifications in regard to dress is that the employes shall not paint or varnish their hair loose on their backs. From this one might infer that the German ladies did sometimes venture to touch up their faded complexions, though I have been assured by German women who know that the German women are entirely ignorant of the use of cosmetics, and that, if a woman with her cheeks painted is seen on the streets here, there are ten chances to one that she is an American.

The forty gentlemen who compose the Priso Argonauts range from bartenders to preachers. At a recent meeting several candidates were blackballed when a member, rising with dignity, said: "If this thing's a going to be run by arch-necked Biblio-whackers, then I goes in for a row." His hypothesis being granted, he went in.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM DR. CURTIS.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Dec. 20.
EDITORS REPUBLICAN.—Since last the weather here, with the exception of yesterday, has been most lovely for the season—comfortable while moving about without an overcoat. Yesterday it rained all day and in the evening snowed a little; but to-day is the pleasantest and the sunshiniest bright, and our little town has its Sunday garments on. People here seem to respect the Sabbath much as the Shaker people do, with exceptions, of course.

A number of visitors at the Springs are fixing to leave, to spend the holidays at home, among their families and friends. Five left this hotel this morning, one for Chicago, one for Philadelphia, one for Mayville, Ky., and two for New York. I am told after New Year they will look back here, or others will take their place, and by the last of February this modest little town resembles in miniature the gathering together of the children of Israel, long before I came to Illinois,—or Old Joe Long commenced raising corn on Friends Creek.

The new hotel is being rapidly finished, and will be a credit to the proprietors and to the place. The Grand Central, where I am staying, is as good a hotel as there is in our section of country. I see no reason why any one should come here and not find accommodations to suit his purse and style.

This little valley city, way off from everybody and any place, and stuck down between two mountains, with no tillable land within six miles of it—rocks on every side and under your feet—nothing to sustain it but its gushing, life-giving and God-healing fountains, bubbling up in every direction, has a street railroad most completed; this in a city or town of only 1400 or 1500 inhabitants, in Arkansas. Now where is Decatur, with her surroundings, located in the center of a great agricultural country, with her many wealthy citizens, her manufacturers and her ton railroads, and with a population of 12,000? Tell the horse railway men—P. Priest, and others—to come down here and learn how to build a street railway on rocks and across streams, where the deer and turkey still roam in sight, and among people considered (at the north) far behind the age and times.

I tell you, Messrs. Editors the trouble with some of our Decatur rich men, they are too much for the mighty dollar, and will crucify their best friend to make a few dollars, which they will squeeze tighter than the grip of Sampson. I. B. CURTIS.

THE Mexico Two Republics makes a prediction that will soon be realized, that the Great West will be supplied by Mexico with tropical fruit received in St. Louis and Chicago direct, instead of coming circuitously from New York, as has hitherto been the case. At least the principal pine-apples, the banana, the melon and unparableable bananas. These fruits will be shipped to the west, either from Galveston or New Orleans. From Galveston to Chicago the distance is 1,150 miles, or fifty four hours, while from New Orleans it is but 818, exactly that of New York. The principal sources of supply of tropical fruits in Mexico will be the ports of Tampico, Tuxpan, Vera Cruz, and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. At Vera Cruz the railroad is now completed 265 miles to the City of Mexico, offers rapid means of transportation from Orizaba, 82 miles, and from Cordoba, 65 miles in the interior, both of which places are famous, and especially the latter, for the excellence and great variety of their tropical fruit. We should then get ripe bananas a week old instead of several months. And they might be placed within reach of others than capitalists of unlimited credit.

Mr. Sillibury moved to fix the time for resumption of specie payments at January, 1877, instead of 1870. He was a brutal trick played by the envious young men of Olean, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., upon a bridegroom elect. He came from Cortland County to marry the belle of Olean. The youth of the latter town, not liking the preference shown by the lady for a stranger, conspired to prevent the marriage. The train by which he expected to arrive was three hours behind time, and he telegraphed to the parents of the bride to postpone the marriage for three hours. The young men of Olean waited for him with a pretended guard of honor, gave him drugged liquor, and when he was sufficiently besotted to submit, handed him over to his pretended bride. He was of course kicked out of the house. The Oleanians thereupon tarred and feathered him, and drove him upon the traditional rail—When he recovered from the effects of the drug and专家组 satisfied, the marriage took place. The Times declares that in future it will only publish Reuter's intelligence under reserve.

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